



## Adjusted Rate for Property Taxes Proposed

A series of public meetings are being held to discuss budgeted City of Panorama Village maintenance and operating expenses relative to projected 2018 ad valorem tax revenues.

Based on preliminary budget estimates, City Council has proposed a tax rate adjustment of 0.6852 versus the 2017 rate of 0.6604 that will generate approximately \$70,000 in additional revenue for the City. This equates to a \$49.60 annual difference on a home valued at \$200,000.

Using the total 2018 MCAD property valuations for Panorama Village of \$197 million, this rate would produce an estimated \$1.3 million in collected tax revenues, of which \$346,600 will be needed to service our current debt. That leaves

\$977,500 for maintenance and operations, including police, roads, drainage and general administration. Roughly half of the M&O budget is for police department salaries and overhead.

"We have been doing everything possible to keep expenses down," said Mayor Scott, "but our City has been growing and we need to repair and replace our cars, trucks and infrastructure on some sort of regular basis. That, plus inflation and cost-of-living salary increases means the budget has to increase somewhat. We've been spending quite a bit lately on drainage projects, too."

The 2017-18 budget will be finalized at a special meeting on Monday, September 11 at 11:15 am.

## Hello Beautiful Style Show September 8

The Panorama Ladies Association will kick off their fall program schedule on Friday, September 8 with a highly anticipated style show featuring the latest fashions from Hello Beautiful boutique. Registration is at 10:30 am with the show beginning at 11:00 followed by lunch and the option to enjoy card games afterward.

Reservations can be made by calling Carol Fletcher at 936-856-2829. For more information, call Susie Martensen at 936-524-3636 or email Peggy Fisher at [p.fisher@suddenlink.net](mailto:p.fisher@suddenlink.net).

## Children's Dance Lessons Continue in September

Panorama resident Ann Chernosky will continue to offer ballet and tap dance lessons for youngsters on Monday evenings throughout the month of September and beyond. The schedule is: 4:00 pm 3-5 year olds; 5:00 pm 6-9 year olds; and 6:00 pm 10 and older. The cost is \$30 per student per month with a \$10 per family registration fee. Call 936-856-0582 for information about attire and recital costumes.

## PWGA Party In Paradise Tournament

The annual "Party in Paradise" invitational tournament held by the Panorama Women's Golf Association will be held on Saturday, September 23 with registration at 7:30 am and a shotgun start at 9:00 am. It is a 2-person best ball tournament with cash prizes for low gross and low net. The entry fee is \$100 per person, and includes breakfast, lunch, greens fee and cart. For more information, call Marian Leighty at 936-228-2023.

## Liberty Belles to kick off year with Senator Nichols

The Liberty Belles Republican Women will kick off their 2017-18 program year with a luncheon on Thursday, September 14 featuring Texas State Senator Robert Nichols. Registration is at 11:30 am followed by lunch and the program. RSVP and pay for your lunch at [www.libertybellesrw.com](http://www.libertybellesrw.com).



## Hunter irrigation system will boost performance, save money

Installation has begun on the new Hunter irrigation systems for each of our Rolling Hills greens and is expected to be finished by late September. This system will provide more precise watering of the greens with individual, programmable sprinkler head control.

Water requirements will be reduced by 35-50% and electricity usage will decline as well due to shorter cycle times.

"Uniform coverage" is the key phase in describing the primary advantage of this system. It will apply water where needed, and refrain from watering things that don't need water – like sand traps and sloped areas in front of greens.

Our previous system put as much water on the surrounding area as it did the greens. We will look forward to seeing the benefits of this investment soon.



## ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

It is nice to see that we have Marshalls on our golf course. Since Sterling, Inc. took over here at Panorama Golf Club, the Marshalling Program has greatly improved and grown.

Bob Terreo heads that program along with the other duties he has. The day after Bob retired he went the next day and applied for a job as a Marshall in Sealy at River Ridge Golf Course. He worked as a Marshall and eventually supervised the Marshall program there. Here at Panorama he hires, schedules and trains the Marshalls.

At the present, with only eighteen holes open there are five Marshalls; but Bob would love to have ten when we have the full twenty-seven holes open later in the fall. With a full group there would be three shifts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and other days as needed.

Bob sees the objective of the Marshall program is to help provide a good experience for the golfers (members as well as daily fee players) so they want to return and considers marshalling as customer service. This includes getting players off at the tee in a timely fashion,

checking receipts, maintaining pace of play, giving directions, guiding players in correct use of the course, and helping with organizing tournament play.

They also help out when needed with cart breakdowns or other issues that might occur. We can help the Marshalls keep the course as nice for the next person as we found it. Help out by abiding to Cart Path Only instructions, sanding divots, and repairing ball marks on the greens. Remember to respect and thank our Marshalls!!

## New assistant golf superintendent hired

Chase Shelton has been hired as assistant golf superintendent with responsibilities for scheduling the daily maintenance crews. He will also handle troubleshooting, such as hand watering and fertilizing problem areas.

Chase comes to us from an internship program at Prairie Dunes Golf Club in Hutchinson, Kansas, the number one rated course in Kansas.



## How to submit articles

The primary purpose of The Panorama Village Voice is to promote activities that will improve the quality of life for Panorama residents. The deadline for submitting article suggestions is the 15th of each month. Send your ideas to editor Bob Lamons at [bob.lamons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bob.lamons@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 713-828-7000.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 5** City Council Meeting, 5:00 pm at City Hall
- Sept 8** Panorama Ladies Association Style Show at the clubhouse. Registration 10:30, show 11:00, lunch at noon. Email Peggy Fisher at [p.fisher@suddenlink.net](mailto:p.fisher@suddenlink.net) for details.
- Sept 11** Special meetings at City Hall re 2017-18 budget and water/sewer rates, 9:15 am
- Sept 14** Liberty Belles Republican Women at the clubhouse, 11:30 registration, program and lunch at noon. Sen. Robert Nichols is speaker.
- Sept 21** Panorama Garden Club at clubhouse, registration 10:00 am, program at 10:30
- Sept 23** PWGA Party in Paradise Golf Tournament. 9:00 am shotgun start. Call Marian Leighty at 936-228-2023 for info.
- Sept 28** Talk To The Mayor, 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.
- Sept 30** Men's Fall Classic Golf Tournament, call the Pro Shop for details.

## Yard of the Month

Leota Hawkins  
13 Cherry Hill Drive

